



SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting October 25, 2012 Minutes

Attendees

See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Leland Colvin with introductions

Old Business

Davis Bacon Wage Regulations – Update

SCDOT has been following NC and their progress on the appeal they have made to the Department of Labor. However, SCDOT has determined that they will be doing their own survey and Secretary Bob St. Onge has signed off on them moving forward with it. Since the new rates have been in effect, SCDOT has seen a 12% – 15% increase and their research shows that 31 of the 46 counties are economically distressed, thus there is no need for 46 different tables. SCDOT, during their research, also found the labor department reporting insufficient data. The request for an appeal will go straight to the Labor Department in Atlanta. SCDOT stated that everyone needed to make sure the surveys are filled out.

There was additional discussion regarding information that was sent to the RCE's on fringe benefits and payrolls; the fringe benefits do count on top of the payroll. SCDOT needs for the Contractor's payroll to reflect fringes if they are needed get over the rate. It was suggested that the Contractors need to talk with employees and explain to them that there is a difference in pay and fringe, but that was not something the Contractors felt would solve the problem. SCDOT will continue to talk about this issue and determine how to get the needed information submitted. There was discussion of a breakdown of salary plus benefits that needs to be listed on official payrolls, possibly consider making a column for fringe. The department needs a breakdown on monthly certified payroll so that the RCE's know the difference.

It was also noted that NCDOT contacted the Labor Department about their appeal and the Department submitted questions back to NCDOT and they are working on answering those questions.

DBE Submittals at Letting – Update

SCDOT reported that after looking into the possibility of making a change, they have determined that line items are listed in Bid Express and the system won't allow it to be changed after the fact. There are a specific set of checks and balances in the Bid X system that hinders the ability to change it at this time. SCDOT is going to hold off and wait on the regulation changes that are being proposed and see what the requirement will be after the new regulations are in effect. Checked with Bid X to see if they would allow a lump sum and then break down the line item and it will not. It was, again, noted that Contractors spend a lot of time putting DBE's in on bid day.

Double Estimates

Leland Colvin announced that double estimate would go into effect in January and then Feb would be the first time we go month to month. This will allow SCDOT to get out of paving system and holidays. It was noted this will change indexes also and the plan is to cut estimates off at the end of the month.

Contractor Status

Leland Colvin handed out the Monthly Status Report. Things are pretty consistent. Staying about where it has always been. SCDOT has not been doing a lot of preliminary delinquency letters, but they resume sending them out in Jan. The main reason is the Department is just not getting updates. SCDOT will not be copying bonding companies the first time the letters are sent out.

CM Schedule - Update

SCDOT has met with district schedulers and contractors so that everyone is on same page in understanding that, especially on widening projects, the outside issues that impact schedule (ROW, Utilities) need information. This is a risk based assessment on schedule to also help manage cash flow as well. Maybe SCDOT has not picked the right projects to manage the right detail and they are trying to do a better job looking at the schedules and the right projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Topic

Moving Equipment - Be aware of moving equipment; make sure folks are aware of any cranes and equipment moving on the job site. All workers on the site should have on high visibility clothing, back up alarms should be used, make eye contact with operators, and be constantly aware of traffic passing by.

Contractor Performance Score Revision and Annual Renewal Process

SCDOT announced a change in score performance. If the amount of the claim is denied, the Contractor will be notified in writing. Under the new change, if settlement is reached before DRB or ALC, then it will not count against the Contractors score. SCDOT feels it was equitably agreed to by both parties if resolved by DRB. This was effective Oct 1. There is a second part to the change. The policy and procedures for renewal will be different and Contractors will only have to submit every other year and the Department is going to try to smooth out the process. The change will be posted on the policies and

procedures section of the website by the first of the year. This information will also be in a cover letter that comes to the Contractor with the renewal certificate. The long form will remain in place for 2013, short form in effect for 2014. There is enough information that the Department needs every year that can be covered by short form so they don't really need the long form every year.

DHEC Permit

Ray Vaughn talked about the DHEC permit issued October 15. It can be appealed. Specific for SCDOT, does not cover project under sales tax projects that the counties are managing. Concrete batch plants, burrow pits not covered if not in SCDOT right of way; additional permit needed if that is the case. There is new terminology: Owner - SCDOT; Operator – RCE; Secondary operator – Prime Contactor. Prime contractor responsible for all subs and no co-permittee agreements required.

Ray said he could get us a summary.

Subcommittees

Roadway Subcommittee: Water issues, CSX issues – Contractors are supposed to be submitting comments to Danny; mix types for tie downs to prevent raveling – needs to be discussed at Pre-con; Holiday lane closure restrictions – will be a permanent change after the first of the year – defines holiday - get it approved from FHWA first before share with group.

Bridge Subcommittee: Did not meet

Project Development Subcommittee: Did not meet

Utility Subcommittee: Did not meet

Supplier Subcommittee: Meeting in November

Design Build Subcommittee: Finalized Best practices and they have been published on website; RFQ evaluation process will be discussed; first ATC project advertised; Committee participation is getting finalized as well.

Environmental Compliance Workshop – Randy Williams

Compliance has become a focus and we want to make sure everyone is on the same page. All RCE's DCE's will be there, John Walsh, Secretary St. Onge. Going forward we want to communicate all regulatory changes. Also want to hear from the construction industry. We will also have the DHEC Bureau of Water, OCRM, and Corps in attendance as well. This is the beginning of a process.

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